

## California Child Welfare Council Steering Committee

On March 4, 2015, the California Child Welfare Council approved revisions to the Operations Manual that included provisions regarding the role, time commitment, and selection of Council members to serve on the Steering Committee, as follows:

### Steering Committee Role

- Provide Council staff with ongoing assessment of the work of the Council and its Committees and Task Forces.
- Give guidance to Council staff regarding Council agendas prior to approval by Council Co-Chairs.
- Advise Council staff regarding Council membership to promote active participation.

### Steering Committee Time Commitment

- Effective July 2015, Steering Committee term of membership will be two years.
- One-hour conference calls to be held quarterly, one month in advance of each Council meeting.
- Ad hoc conference calls to be scheduled as needed.

### Steering Committee Representation

Steering Committee members are to be appointed by the Council's Co-Chairs and include representation from the following array of stakeholders who comprise the membership of the Council: former foster youth, parent, foster parent, tribal member, nonprofit provider of service, nonprofit advocate, county child welfare, county behavioral health, juvenile court judge, state mental health, and state child welfare.

### Steering Committee Appointments

Council members wishing to serve on the Steering Committee were given the opportunity to apply, and on April 29, 2015, the Council Co-Chairs, Secretary Diana Dooley and Justice Vance Raye, appointed the following members to serve:

#### ***Former foster youth***

Vanessa Hernandez, Policy Coordinator  
California Youth Connection

#### ***Parent***

Leah Davis, Parent Leader  
California State Parent Team

#### ***Foster parent***

Cheryl Rave, Crave Productions  
Foster – Adopt parent

#### ***Tribal member***

Hon. Claudette White, Judge, Quechan Court  
Fort Yuma Indian Reservation

#### ***Nonprofit provider of services***

Ken Berrick, Founder, President and CEO  
Seneca Family of Agencies

#### ***Nonprofit advocate***

Patrick Gardner, Founder and President  
Young Minds Advocacy Project

#### ***County child welfare***

Lori Cox, Director  
Alameda County Social Services Agency

#### ***County behavioral health***

Terry Rooney, Ph.D., Director  
Colusa County Behavioral Health Services

#### ***Juvenile Court Judge***

Hon. Shawna Schwarz, Judge  
Santa Clara County Juvenile Court

#### ***State mental health***

Karen Baylor, Ph.D., Deputy Director for Mental  
Health & Substance Use Disorder Services

#### ***State child welfare***

Will Lightbourne, Director  
California Department of Social Services